



Date: 1/21/2024

Title: Wake Up!

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Introduction to Analog

The word, Analog, means “something that is similar or comparable to something else.” Analog is designed to be a tangible way to take another deeper, look into each week’s Sunday morning message. Individuals, friends, small groups, and families can use Analog for further discussion and exploration of the Sunday teaching. May this tool help you explore the expansive heart of God and practice love in the ways of Jesus.

Teaching Season

There are several stories that cause one to wonder exactly who Jesus is. While we may be quick to offer an answer, Luke does no such thing. Rather he tells several stories of parables, interactions and miracles all leading up to Jesus asking the question himself: “Who do you say I am?” And we are invited to respond.

Teaching

Jesus tells a story of a fig tree in a vineyard, its owner, and a gardener...This story has been told and retold over, and over again, but maybe this story has been a bit misunderstood. It seems like we, like Jesus’ ancient audience, might be missing his point here. It’s possible to understand what Jesus is saying here, we might need to rethink the notion of repentance and reimagine this story's characters.

Listen to the teaching [online](#) or on the DCC App

Opening Question for the Group: Start your group discussion with the question below.

1. If you could relive any day of your life, what day would you choose?

Questions for Discussion or Reflection

Here are some questions for discussion or reflection. Don’t feel like you have to cover them all, and you may have questions of your own to ask. The Spiritual Practice for this

week could be very meaningful for you or your group, so plan on 10 minutes or so for this exercise. If you are using this in a group context, read through these questions and the Spiritual Practice before your group meets to familiarize yourself with this material. You may want to send this out to the group before you meet.

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word *repentance*?
2. How have you imagined the story of the fig tree in Luke?
3. When you hear the phrase “doing the work” what does it make you think?
4. Does this change how you think about God, Humanity, or God’s relationship with Humanity?

Spiritual Practice:

This week for our formation practice, we invite you to listen to our guided time of prayer and reflection. You can listen to this guided prayer by clicking on the link below. You can also access the spiritual formation podcast through the DCC App.

[Spiritual Formation Podcast: Prayer of Examen](#)